COUNCIL MEMBERS: PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT TIMOTHY PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT - absent WILLIAM GAUGHAN KYLE DONAHUE MARY WALSH DEMPSEY - absent LORI REED, CITY CLERK - absent KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE 

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and a moment of reflection observed.) 2 3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please. 4 MS. CARRERA: 5 Mr. Perry. Mr. Donahue. 6 7 MR. DONAHUE: Here. 8 MS. CARRERA: Attorney Dempsey. Mr. 9 Gaughan. 10 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. MS. CARRERA: 11 Mr. Rogan. 12 MR. ROGAN: Here. WHEREAS, the COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON is desirous of 13 14 honoring "RABBI SAMUEL SANDHAUS" as he 15 celebrates his retirement after 40 years with 16 the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania; 17 And WHEREAS, RABBI SANDHAUS was born in Yonkers, New York, to the late Chaplain 18 19 Morris and Eunice Sandhaus. He is married to 20 Sonia Sandhaus, RN, MSN, NP and father to eight 21 children - Mr. Yaakov and Dr. Shifra Leiser, 22 Drs. Joshua and Gila Jedwab, Dr. And Mrs. 23 Alejandro Froimovich, Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe 24 Sandhaus, Mr. And Mrs. Yehoshua Kramer, Rabbi 25 and Mrs. Ben Pomper, Dr. Marc Sandhaus and Mr.

And Mrs. Alon Saperia;

And WHEREAS, RABBI SANDHAUS has a BA in Economics and Ordination and a MS in Bible from Yeshiva University. He earned an MBA in Finance and Management as a cum laude graduate from Boston University and has post graduate certificates in Health Service Administration and Gerontology from Marywood University;

And WHEREAS, RABBI SANDHAUS served as a Chaplain in the United States Army from 1971 to 1979 and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters;

And WHEREAS, RABBI SANDHAUS was

licensed as a nursing home administrator by the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1979 and begin

his career at the Jewish Home of Eastern

Pennsylvania that same year as its Assistant

Executive Director, Associate Executive

Director from 1981 to 1983 and Executive

Director from 1983 until his retirement in

2019;

And WHEREAS, during the Rabbi's tenure, the Jewish Home rose to become one of the recognized leaders in the provision of long-term care in the region. One of the many

high points of his tenure was the Jewish Home's purchase of twenty acres in Clarks Summit on which the Elan Gardens personal care facility was developed;

And WHEREAS, RABBI SANDHAUS has served the community as co-chair and chair of the United Jewish Campaign, as a former Director of the Scranton Hebrew Day School, Scranton Counseling Center, and the United Way of Lackawanna County, as Chaplain for the Sandy Weissberger/Leon Kaplan Post 165 Jewish War Veterans, as an instructor at Marywood University School of Continuing Education, as Secretary/Treasurer of Webster Towers senior high-rise, and as a management consultant for Elan Gardens;

And WHEREAS, RABBI SANDHAUS is past co-chair of the Quality Assurance Committee for the Association of Aging Services, has served in many capacities for the Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging, and is past President of Sigma Phi Omega, National Gerontology Academic and Professional Honor Society, Scranton Chapter;

And NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019, Scranton City Council wishes to congratulate "RABBI SAMUEL SANDHAUS" on his retirement, for his service to our country and his commitment to improving the quality of life for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this
Proclamation be made a permanent part of the
Record of this Council, as lasting tribute to
"RABBI SAMUEL SANDHAUS."

Please dispense with the reading of the minutes.

ATTY. MINORA: There is nothing in Third Order. Nothing in Third Order.

 $\label{eq:mr.mogan: I'm showing four items} \mbox{in Third Order.}$ 

ATTY. MINORA: Okay. I beg your pardon. I'm looking at the wrong sheet.

- 3-A. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
  CITY CONTROLLER DATED OCTOBER 9, 2019, IN
  REFERENCE TO REVIEW OF GAS CARD DISCREPANCIES.
- 3-B. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM CITY CONTROLLER DATED OCTOBER 9, 2019, REGARDING OVERTIME FIGURES FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS.
  - 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT

1 FOR HEARING DATE HELD OCTOBER 16, 2019. INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT 3 - D. 2 3 AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE SCRANTON SEWER 4 AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018 PREPARED BY KOHANSKI COMPANY, PC. 5 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments 6 on any of the Third Order items? If not, 7 8 received and filed. 9 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to 10 appoint Councilman Gaughan as temporary 11 chairperson for the Committee on Public Safety. 12 MR. GAUGHAN: Second. 13 MR. ROGAN: On the question? A11 14 those in favor signify by saying aye. 15 MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 17 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 18 have it and so moved. Do any Council members 19 have announcements at this time? 20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I have one. 21 City of Scranton is preparing their Five Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and its 22 23 analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 24 As part of the planning process, the

City is conducting a survey to identify

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residents' needs in the community and ideas on what City residents would like to see funds used for.

Please take a few moments and complete the survey which can be found at the top of the City's website Scranton PA dot gov.

MR. GAUGHAN: I just have one. As Mr. Rogan had mentioned in the beginning of the meeting, I just want to send my thoughts and my prayers out to the family of Brandin Churmblo, the young Northeast Intermediate student who lost his life in a fire at his home in North Scranton.

The outpouring of support for this young man over the last week has been nothing short of amazing. So the family should know that the whole city is behind them and we are here for them. So again, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Just one, an executive session was held this evening at 5:15 with Attorney Jason Shrive, Solicitor for the Scranton Sewer Authority to discuss a matter of litigation.

ATTY. MINORA: FOURTH ORDER.

1 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION.

The following speakers offered public comment on agenda items and matters of general concern:

Charles Charlesworth

Joan Hodowanitz.

Les Spindler

Bob Bolus

Ron Ellman

Dave Dobrzyn

Marie Schumacher

Norma Jefferies

ATTY. MINORA: 5-A. MOTIONS.

MR. ROGAN: Mr. Donahue, any motions or comments?

MR. DONAHUE: Yes, just quickly.

Miss Schumacher, just on the 1700 block of

Wyoming Avenue, I don't have an answer for you

on Keyser, but I will get one. But on the 1700

block of Wyoming Avenue I was updated on

Friday.

The design work is done for, you know, farther down from Mr. Young's property. What the City is waiting on now is there's a million dollars in an account that's supposed

to go towards the City's match on the eventual long-term fix that the state is going to do that the City has to provide a percentage match.

So we're requesting that the state allow us to use the money to make that fix now. And then we'll replenish that money in the next five years for the, you know, permanent fix for us to have our grant so that's where that -- we're attempting to get that money from.

A couple, you know, complaints I got from, you know, that I'll be sending along to DPW is patching, one at Blickens Court and Linden Street; and the other at the 3000 block of Hamm Court at Davis Street in front of the hoagie shop there. It's pretty well torn out there.

Also, there's a left lane turn only sign that's down at the corner of South Main Avenue and St. Ann's Street. Also, a resident of Oram Street reached out. They were -- DPW removed trees but they didn't have enough to take -- enough room in the truck to take all the remnants of the trees. And there's still some left.

And the residents are just worried that they're not going to come back. So I'll be sending that along. And also, I got a complaint over the weekend. There's a storm drain that's blocked at the intersection of Forest Glen Drive and Overbrook Circle in Fawnwood that is resulted in what was described to me as a river between two houses going down the hill. So I'm going to pass that along to DPW as well.

Also I've gotten over the past few weeks and again today, I've gotten complaints about the railroad crossing on South Washington Avenue. So I'll be sending along a request to the railroad to try to take care of that. And I'll save the rest of my comments for agenda items. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Gaughan, any motions or comments?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Last week I made a motion that was approved by all Council members present to ask the City Council to send official correspondence to the Scranton Sewer Authority to ask them to invite the Auditor General of Pennsylvania in to audit the

sale of the Authority to Pennsylvania American Water. That was approved. That letter did go out to the Chairman of the Board.

I had the opportunity to talk this afternoon to Mayor Tim Burke of Dunmore and City Councilman of Dunmore Vince Amico.

Mr. Amico, the City Councilman from Dunmore explained to me that he is going to bring up the same motion that this Council did last week.

So he's going to ask his colleagues to also send correspondence to the Sewer Authority asking them to invite the Auditor General in to audit the sale of the Authority to Pennsylvania American Water. I also discussed the same with the Mayor of Dunmore who is on board 100 percent with that motion and thinks it's important.

And in my conversation with both of those gentlemen this afternoon similar to what I mentioned last week, we all came to the same conclusion and we have for the past two and a half years since last vote was taken by the Authority that it literally makes no sense at this point with all the questions and all of

the black cloud that I think is still hanging over the sale of the Authority to not ask the Auditor General to come in and take a look.

So if everything was done above board, if everything was done correctly then why not ask him to come in and look at it. And by the way, as I mentioned last week, he is more than willing to do that which I think is important. And he's made that statement now on several occasions.

We did have Solicitor Shrive in for an executive session to discuss some of the questions about the easements. I did ask Mr. Shrive in the executive session if he was going to answer or if he did answer the questions that this Council had posed last week.

His response was that he would not because he did not want to compromise the ongoing litigation. Again, I think it's important that if everything was done above board, all of these questions surrounding both the easements and everything else that went on with the Sewer Authority deal and then all of the corruption that has come to light over the

last year, why not ask the Auditor General?

Put this thing to bed once and for all. And I think the people of this City, the people of Dunmore should put as much pressure as you can on every single board member of the Scranton Sewer Authority.

Go to the next meeting. Demand that they invite the Auditor General in. The last time they blew it. They wanted -- they did not want transparency which I still cannot understand. This time we're giving them another chance to do the right thing.

On the gas card issue, last week City Council had sent a letter to the Mayor, the Business Administrator, the DPW Director and the City Controller. We did receive a response to our questions from the City Controller which I would ask to be made part of the record for the next Council meeting.

I won't go through the whole response from the City Controller. But basically what she is describing is the fact that at one point prior to 2011 there was a position in the office called Records Coordinator that specifically reviewed all

expenses related to City vehicles and that position was eliminated.

She did attach the job description of the Records Coordinator and she's suggesting that the Mayor and City Council restore that position for the new City Controller. She also explained that her office received no information and was not aware that gas cards were used for personal usage except relating to the article in the Scranton Times with the Fire Chief Pat DeSarno.

We also received a response from Mayor Evans in which he gave us -- sent us the new gas card use policy which I appreciate. He also answered several of the questions that were posed to him which I also appreciate.

The Business Administrator and the DPW Director did not respond. Or the Business Administrator did respond, not to my satisfaction because he did not answer all of the questions. And the DPW Director did not respond at all.

Late Friday I had the opportunity
to speak to the Mayor who when I expressed my
displeasure with the fact that those questions

I did not think were answered sufficiently, he told me that they will be answered this week. So I'm going to hold the Administration to that. As part of the letter, Council put in there that if the questions were not answered, we would look at using our subpoena power which we do have according to the Home Rule Charter.

I still stand by my comments last week that if we do not get the questions answered to our satisfaction that we should consider using our subpoena power. I know there's been comments made that this happened in the past and, you know, there's nothing you could do about it.

But there are in my mind outstanding questions that should be answered in writing by the department heads that were there when some of these activities went on. So if there is a sufficient explanation for some of the charges that were detailed in the investigative report by the Times, then shows should be delineated and explained in writing.

As Mrs. Schumacher had noted about more transparency in Council operations, one of the things -- and I was actually going to make

a motion tonight but I didn't get a chance because the executive session ran long and I didn't get a chance to discuss it with my colleagues. But I do plan on making it next week.

If you look at Third Order it says
Reports and Communications from the Mayor and
Heads of Departments and Interested Parties and
City Clerk's notes. It's by been my belief
now that any communication from the Mayor, any
communication from the department heads, any
interested parties that send Council anything
that's relevant to City business or the agenda,
any reports that we receive should be put in
Third Order.

So last week I made a motion, for example, to put a report that we received that I requested from Mrs. Novembrino about the overtime into Third Order. I think we should just do a one for all here instead of having to make a motion every week that we just get into the practice of when we receive something, put it on the agenda so that everyone who looks at the agenda could see it as well because often times -- and I'm guilty of this myself. We're

talking about letters that none of you could see because it's not part of the agenda. So that should be done.

As it relates to the website,

Mrs. Jefferies brought up the website. And I

think I could speak for all of Council who's

talked about this now ad nauseam over the last

few years. The website needs to be updated and

changed. If you're talking about transparency

and keeping people informed, it's really not

the best website.

It's kind of a mishmash of a lot of different things. I do think it can be done better. So hopefully that will be done. I know Mayor Evans when he was on Council was a big proponent of that. And I know he's interested in that. Whether or not that could be accomplished in the next two or three months, I don't know. But hopefully in January we could start to take another look at that.

As it relates to overtime as I talked about last week and is on the agenda tonight, the City is over budget in overtime for the Police Department so far.

I did ask Chief Graziano if he would

be able to delineate and give us the difference between regular overtime and what's reimbursable to the City. I do appreciate his quick response. He said he does expect to be over budget this year due to increase departmentwide training which resulted in backfilled overtime shifts as well as having a high number of officers out, injured and sick. And he is going to provide the report to show what is reimbursable and what is not.

Mrs. Schumacher brought up a point that I had brought up last week which is the budget. This is something that I have talked about now for the last few years. I did have a conversation with Mayor Evans on Friday about it about work sessions.

I have felt as you have explained and described in your comments tonight that we get the budget on November 15th. And then it's to me, it's a rush job. The Business Administrator in the past has come. He's given a presentation.

We've been limited to 30 or 45 minutes which is not enough for a budget that's a 110 or 112 million dollars. I certainly

don't have all the information which is why
last year I submitted questions in writing.

Some of it which as you know were not answered.

So Mayor Evans and I had a really good discussion about this year not having a caucus on a Council meeting night but having it at another point during the week where we're not constrained by a half hour or 45 minutes if we're going to sit down there around the table with the cameras on and have a discussion for as long as we need to about the budget so we're all on the same page and move forward that way which I think makes total sense.

So we'll see how that pans out and how we set that up. But I would personally appreciate that because in years past I so far have not voted for a budget in the City for various reasons. But one of which is I think it's never explained to my satisfaction and we leave with questions that are unanswered.

One of the things I also mentioned
last week was a letter sent to the Mayor
regarding recommendations made by the
Pennsylvania Economy League in our Act 47 Exit
Plan. In the summer, the Pennsylvania Economy

League came before Council with Mayor Evans. I had asked specific questions to them related to there are recommendations in the Exit Plan.

Give us an update and a status on each one of those recommendations.

So PEL responded not to my satisfaction. It was one word answers which didn't give anybody any information at all.

The Mayor did respond to us. I won't read through this whole thing. Hopefully we can put it on the agenda for next week.

But he gave several examples, one, they have petitioned the courts to allow for the payroll tax to be implemented which is one of the things that they had to do for that to potentially go through. Their plan at this point in time is to incorporate that as part of the 2020 budget.

So they're moving forward with the idea that that is going to go through.

Additionally, they expect to create an OPEB

Trust through a Workers' Comp Agreement with

Labor and Industry through the State of

Pennsylvania.

Another critical component that I

had brought up in the past is the creation of the debt policy and a fund balance policy which are recommendations that are made in the Recovery Plan. Mayor Evans explained that that is in process now and will be ready for review and possible Council approval sometime after the budget is submitted.

If our legislative session does not allow for introduction in 2019, then it will be drafted and ready for submission by the new Mayor in 2020. Other key areas that he mentions is that they feel they could resolve or at least start the process of is in the area of refuse fee delinquencies and tax delinquencies.

Tax delinquencies will be turned over to the Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau effective January 1, 2020. Legislation according to the Mayor will be coming on that very soon. The refuse fee delinquencies are being addressed through the RFP process that will include the ability to enact an amnesty program as well as the packaging and selling of any unpaid delinquencies after an amnesty program has been completed if the new Council

and the new Mayor choose to.

And he says these are the major initiatives of the Act 47 Exit Plan that will either be completed this year or will be ready to go in January 2020. So I appreciate the response to that letter.

The one other thing that I wanted to mention, last week I asked for a copy or a list of all contracts that the City is engaged in.

And the reason I asked for that and Mr. Bulzoni actually jogged my memory and I brought this up before but I found it either a year or two ago very alarming that in 2014 when Bob McGoff was the Council President, all contracts in the City were sent to Council for approval.

Every single contract was sent and we voted on it. That request was made by Bob McGoff. And Mayor Courtright at that time agreed to that. Mr. Bulzoni said that some delays in legislation occurred but the dissemination of information had value, which I agree because we voted on everything.

Now, at some point and I cannot remember exactly when the exact date but that -- when Bob McGoff after he had left

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Council and passed away, that process had stopped and Council then was not receiving any of the contracts.

The informational value that we received from voting on that had merits and I think was important. Why it stopped I don't know. You could make your own assumptions on that based on everything that has gone on. But I don't know the answer to that.

Mr. Bulzoni is going to provide a list. He said the Law Office keeps a manual record of contracts and Miss Carrera had provided me with a spreadsheet that she had kept of all contracts that were submitted for approval and anything else that came into the office.

So he's suggesting that the Law
Office communicate with our office so that the
City Clerk might be able to incorporate those
nonlegislative contracts into the spreadsheet.
I would ask that -- I don't know if it's
worthwhile to do it now, but whoever the new
administration is; I would request immediately
in January that we go back to the way that it
was done in 2014.

I think transparency is a good thing. And there's less chance for any wrongdoing to occur if all contracts are put before Council. And that is all I have this week. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just a couple items. The first this was brought up last week by a speaker at our meeting and I know Mr. Spindler brought it up again. The property on Harrison Avenue and where a resident came they're having an issue with permits.

I do want to thank Kathy Carrera and Tom Oleski and Mayor Evans for their quick action on this. We did send this to the Administration following our meeting. I spoke with the Mayor personally about it. And he -- Tom Oleski did reach out both to the contractor and to the homeowner to let them know if they could reapply for the permit so this issue can be resolved.

I do agree with the sentiment that Mr. Spindler mentioned when he spoke that there are unfortunately many times too many hoops to jump through within City Government. But the

Rental Registration Waiver does need to be filled out. If you own a property and it's a rental property and you live in it, you do not have to pay the fee.

But filing the waiver and submitting it into the City is just a good practice so it's on file that you are on as a waiver. But it's not somebody that just didn't pay their bill or forgot to submit the paperwork. But I am happy that this was taken care of swiftly. So I want to thank everyone who was involved.

I know Councilman Gaughan mentioned this letter from Roseann Novembrino's Office regarding the job of a Records Coordinator.
Unfortunately every time Council or anyone asks for anything out of the Controller's Office, the response is always the same that there have been job cuts through the years.

And, yes, there have been in every department. I wish we could go back to when we had a hundred more firefighters and a hundred more police officers on the street. But that's not practical. Unfortunately every single request that we put in has a reply that this job was cut or this salary was cut.

And unfortunately it seems the City gets very little out of the Controller's Office currently. So I hope that that will be changing next year. But I would encourage Mayor Evans not to create additional positions to utilize that office in a better manner.

We have technology now that we didn't have 30, 40 years ago for this type of paperwork. It shouldn't be that difficult. So I would strongly urge him not to go putting in additional positions into that office that aren't warranted.

And finally, I just want to mention on a bit of a somber note. I did mention this at the top of the meeting. Unfortunately we did have a tragedy in the City in the past week where a young individual lost his life. But it was not for the fault of anyone within our City.

We have great City employees. Our
City firefighters do a tremendous job. I know
they don't hear this enough. All of our City
employees that were active during that
incident, our police, our fire especially, even
our DPW. I know one member of the DPW had to

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clear a catch basin because of all the water coming down and went in the catch basin with -- got soaked.

It wasn't a pleasant day that day either. So I want to thank everyone for all of their efforts and our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the victim. That's all. Thank you.

ATTY. MINORA: 5-B. F0R INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF LACKAWANNA COLLEGE, TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,599.66 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "LACKAWANNA COLLEGE - MOBILE E-SPORTS ARENA SPACE" LOCATED 501 VINE STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PA, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND

1	COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
2	PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE
3	GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,599.66 AWARDED BY
4	THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH
5	PROJECT.
6	MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
7	entertain a motion that Item 5-B be placed into
8	its proper committee.
9	MR. DONAHUE: So moved.
10	MR. GAUGHAN: Second.
11	MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
12	those in favor signify by saying aye.
13	MR. DONAHUE: Aye.
14	MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
15	MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
16	have it and so moved.
17	ATTY. MINORA: 5-C. FOR
18	INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND
19	APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
20	THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
21	ON BEHALF OF GARDEN OF CEDAR, TO THE
22	COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE
23	COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL
24	SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE
25	HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT

OF \$100,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS

"GARDEN OF CEDAR - GROWING COMMUNITY, JOBS, AND

FOOD PARK PROJECT" LOCATED AT

715 CEDAR AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA AND

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, TO

ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE

AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT

CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND

UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00

AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR

SUCH PROJECT.

MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll entertain a motion that Item 5-C be introduced into its proper committee.

MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the question?

MR. DONAHUE: Yes, on the question.

This is an actually very interesting project that's being taken up in what's described as a food desert where -- an area where there's, you know, you're not -- fresh fruits and vegetables aren't readily available.

So I just want to read a part of this project outline. This project will enhance the Cedar Avenue community and the surrounding area which is home to diverse urban mix of recent industrious immigrants as well as longtime residents through the development and sustainment of a community garden park in a densely populated area currently designated as a food desert.

Garden plots will be provided for residents of the Cedar Avenue community will be encouraged to showcase culturally significant vegetables and fruits. In addition, a specific plot will be allocated to Lackawanna College for cultivation of crops beneficial to the culinary degree program offered by the college.

I also believe this is a good example of, you know, I know we go after nonprofits a lot. But this is a good example of nonprofits all coming together and taking up specific things within a project.

For example, every local college and university will be involved in the Garden Cedar Project. Johnson College students, faculty and administration have been involved in the

architectural design.

Penn State Scranton and Penn State

Extension will be involved in planting design

and onsite education programs. A garden plot

will be allocated to Lackawanna College for

vegetables and fruit for the college's culinary

program.

Marywood University School of
Architectural Design will assist with the
visual design of the garden structures.
Keystone College will assist in seeking funding
through corporate grants and donations and an
alignment will be made with the University of
Scranton's community garden as well as the
University's entrepreneural programs.

MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. MINORA: 5-D. FOR

INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND

APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF

THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON,

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ON BEHALF OF THE SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER - ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT" LOCATED AT 420 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PA, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll entertain a motion that Item 5-D be introduced into its proper committee.

MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the question?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

All of these grant applications that we're

voting on tonight I think are very important. This one is extremely important because I think if they don't get this grant money, the building could potentially close. They're looking for money to fix hoist mechanisms in the elevators that due to the age I think it's 90 years old and unavailability of some of the parts, if one of the two elevators goes down, they're not going to be -- they will probably be inoperable.

So I hope that they will get this grant. I think there's so many great programs that go on at the Scranton Cultural Center.

And I fully support this local share account application.

MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. MINORA: 5-E. FOR

INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND

APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE

GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON

POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT (DCED) FOR A LOCAL SHARE
ACCOUNT GRANT (GAMING FUNDS) MONROE COUNTY IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$38,740.00 TO PURCHASE AND
INSTALL SECURITY CAMERAS AT EACH OF THE FOUR
(4) CITY PARKS: CONNORS PARK, CONNELL PARK,
TRIPP PARK, AND FELLOWS PARK, AND AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL,
AND DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF
SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE AND
INSTALL SECURITY CAMERAS AT EACH OF
THE FOUR (4) CITY PARKS.
MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
entertain a motion that Item 5-E be introduced
into its proper committee.
MR. DONAHUE: So moved.
MR. GAUGHAN: Second.
MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
those in favor signify by saying aye.
those in favor signify by saying aye.  MR. DONAHUE: Aye.
MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

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ATTY. MINORA: 5-F. F0R

INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT (GAMING FUNDS) MONROE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,892.00 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL SECURITY CAMERAS AT FOUR (4) DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGES: MEDALLION PARKING GARAGE LOCATED ON ADAMS AVENUE, THE CASEY PARKING GARAGE LOCATED ON ADAMS AVENUE, THE CONNELL PARKING GARAGE LOCATED ON NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, AND THE LINDEN STREET PARKING GARAGE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AT FOUR (4) DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGES.

MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll entertain a motion that item 5-F be introduced into its proper committee.

MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the any question?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question. Just interesting to note I also support this grant application. But in the backup it says that due to the significant increase in residential housing in the downtown area including those occupied by the University of Scranton students, an increase in security provisions associated with those garages is a priority.

One of the interesting statistics that is mentioned in this backup is that throughout the United States, parking facilities are the third most frequent place in which violent crime happens with nearly 1400 attacks occurring each day.

I think ABM has made a lot of progress in upgrading our parking facilities and also NDC. I think this is just another step in the right direction to make sure that while they're upgraded they're also safe.

Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

The ayes

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? 2 3 have it and so moved. ATTY. MINORA: 5 G. F0R 4 INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE 5 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO 6 APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION BY 7 8 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE PENNSYLVANIA 9 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ("DCED") FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT 10 11 GRANT (GAMING FUNDS-MONROE COUNTY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND 12 13 INSTALLATION OF A NEW LINER (MEMBRANE) FOR THE 14 POOL AT THE NAY AUG PARK SWIM COMPLEX. 15 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll 16 entertain a motion that Item 5-G be introduced 17 into its proper committee. 18 MR. DONAHUE: So moved. 19 MR. GAUGHAN: Second. 20 MR. ROGAN: On the question? 21 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, I 22 believe this is, you know, I'm fully in support 23 of this application. This would actually be a 24 perfect candidate for a Community Development

Block Grant. But because of the strict

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requirements in the Community Development Block Grant Program it doesn't qualify because it's not considered in a low to moderate income area even though it services a lot of low to moderate income families. So I'm fully in support of this application.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question. I think that Nay Aug Park is so important to the City of Scranton for so many different reasons. Number one, it is literally a staple of our community. I actually happen to think that the Recreation Authority is doing a really great job up at Nay Aug Park. If you actually go up there and walk around they made several improvements already.

And a lot of it is done by their own volunteer work, you know, a lot of the board members themselves are up there many hours of the day doing different things. I know over the last few months they made several improvements.

One of the things that I think is important and I know some people are upset about it but I think big picturewise it's the right move is filling in the big pool and

replacing it eventually with a splash pad. And again, I know some people are upset about that.

But if you look at the world that we live in today, look at the splash pads that are in our region. And as somebody with small kids, I will take my children to the one up in Clarks Summit. I'll take them to the one in Dunmore. It's safe. It's easy to get at.

And I think it just brings more families into the fold, not that the big pool at one time wasn't really popular even up until a few years ago. I just think the maintenance cost of it, the constant issues that we've had with it, it's time to move now in a different direction.

And I think splash pad is the way to go if they could find the grant funding for it and get that up and running. I applaud the Administration and the Recreation Authority for I think moving in the right direction and recognizing once again that Nay Aug Park is one of the great assets that we have in the City. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. DONAHUE: 1 Aye. MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 2 3 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved. 4 5 F0R ATTY. MINORA: 5-H. INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF 6 CAROL ANN MIGLIORINO, 1114 MARION STREET, 7 8 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509 AS A MEMBER OF 9 THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM, 10 AND HER EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE AUGUST 29, 2019. 11 HER TERM WILL EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 2020. 12 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll 13 entertain a motion that Item 5-H be introduced 14 into its proper committee. MR. DONAHUE: 15 So moved. 16 MR. GAUGHAN: Second. 17 MR. ROGAN: On the question? 18 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question 19 briefly. I just want to say I'm very pleased 20 now that the Ethics Board will have a full 21 complement of members. I want to thank all the 22 members including Miss Hodowanitz who's here 23 tonight for all the work that they have done so 24 far. 25 Again, as I said months ago when we

passed this legislation revamping the Ethics Board, this is another step in the right direction. It's not going to solve all of the problems. But I do think that having another level of oversight which we did have in the past but was never utilized and I don't think was taken seriously.

This board now gives me hope that these measures -- new measures will be implemented and people are finally taking ethics seriously in the City. Thank you.

MR. DONAHUE: Just to add to that,

Joan had mentioned that their next meeting will

be next week. So if all goes as planned, you

will have a full complement for your board

members for your next meeting. And I will

absolutely be attending whatever ethics

workshop you and the board are able to set up.

MR. ROGAN: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. MINORA: 5-I. FOR

INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE 1 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF 2 3 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE 4 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 5 ("PENNDOT") APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NO. 40166 6 NORTH MAIN AVENUE AT SCHIFF'S DRIVEWAY 7 8 AND JOHNSON COLLEGE DRIVEWAY UNDER PROPOSED 9 PROJECT ECMS/MPMS #105713; THIS INTERSECTION, 10 WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS, WILL RECEIVE TRAFFIC 11 SIGNAL UPGRADES/MODIFICATIONS AND NEW DURABLE 12 PAVEMENT MARKING. THE OVERALL PROJECT INCLUDES 13 VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO K-0107 (MAIN 14 AVENUE/MAIN STREET- COUNTY ROAD.) MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll 15 16 entertain a motion that Item 5-I be introduced 17 into its proper committee. 18 MR. DONAHUE: So moved. 19 MR. GAUGHAN: Second. 20 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All those in favor signify by saying aye. 21 22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 24 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

have it and so moved.

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INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT") APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NO. 40167 NORTH MAIN AVENUE AT INTERSTATE 81 SOUTHBOUND RAMPS (SR8011) UNDER PROPOSED PROJECT ECMS/MPMS #105713; THIS INTERSECTION, WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS, WILL RECEIVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES/MODIFICATIONS AND NEW DURABLE PAVEMENT MARKING. THE OVERALL PROJECT INCLUDES VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO K-0107 (MAIN AVENUE/MAIN STREET - COUNTY ROAD.) MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll entertain a motion that Item 5-J be introduced MR. DONAHUE: So moved. Second. MR. ROGAN: On the question? All those in favor signify by saying aye. MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

have it and so moved.

ATTY. MINORA: 5-K. FOR

INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,586,000.00 FOR THE COMPLETE REPLACEMENT OF THE ASH STREET BRIDGE.

MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll entertain a motion that Item 5-K be introduced into its proper committee.

MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the question?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

This is a very important application. And I support it a hundred percent. I hope that we do get the funds from the State of Pennsylvania. The sufficiency rating on this bridge out of 100 is 15.5. So that just gives you the idea of the immediacy of the fact that we have to replace this bridge.

The bridge was built in 1958. My only question is if the City gets the grant according to this legislation, we have to provide a 30 percent match which comes out to \$475,800. So I would like, Miss Carrera, if we could ask Mr. Bulzoni unless I missed it, I didn't see it in the backup where -- what the plan is to meet that financial commitment.

That is an awful lot of money. And then according to the backup, this project if everything goes as expected and we get the grant funding, it's to begin next year and be completed in 2020. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved.

ATTY. MINORA: 6-A. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES. No business at this time.

7-A. FINAL READING. FOR

CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC

SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

75. 2019 - AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING PERMIT

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1	PARKING ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE 900 BLOCK OF
2	JEFFERSON AVENUE.
3	MR. ROGAN: What is the
4	recommendation of the temporary Chair for the
5	Committee on Public Safety?
6	MR. GAUGHAN: As temporary
7	Chairperson for the Committee on Public Safety,
8	I recommend final passage of Item 7-A.
9	MR. DONAHUE: Second.
10	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
11	call, please.
12	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.
13	MR. DONAHUE: Yes.
14	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.
15	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
16	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.
17	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
18	Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.
19	ATTY. MINORA: 7-B. FOR
20	CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR
21	ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 168, 2019
22	AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
23	CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
24	CONTRACT WITH FOX ROTHSCHILD LLP TO PROVIDE
25	LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON IN THE

REFUSE CLASS ACTION LITIGATION. 1 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the 2 3 Committee on Rules I recommend final passage of Item 7-B. 4 5 MR. DONAHUE: Second. MR. ROGAN: On the question? 6 7 call, please. 8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue. 9 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. 10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan. 11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. 12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. 13 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare 14 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted. ATTY. MINORA: 7-C. 15 F0R CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR 16 17 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 169, 2019 -18 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF GLYNIS JOHNS, 801 19 TOWNHOUSE BOULEVARD, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 20 18508 TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON 21 PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019. MS. JOHNS IS BEING APPOINTED TO A 22 23 FIVE (5) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 24 1, 2024. 25 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Rules I recommend final passage of Item 7-C. 2 3 MR. DONAHUE: Second. MR. ROGAN: On the question? Ro11 4 5 call, please. MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue. 6 MR. DONAHUE: 7 Yes. Mr. Gaughan. 8 MS. CARRERA: 9 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. 10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. 11 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare 12 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted. ATTY. MINORA: 7-D. 13 F<sub>0</sub>R 14 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC 15 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 170, 2019 - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE 16 17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF 18 SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE PENNSYLVANIA 19 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT") 20 APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR 21 TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NO. 40040 7TH 22 AVENUE/PROVIDENCE ROAD (SR3029) AND OLIVE 23 STREET/MUNCHAK WAY AND OLIVE PLAZA FOR 24 MODIFICATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE NEW CINGULAR 25 WIRELESS D/B/A/ AT&T MOBILITY SMALL CELL SITES

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PROJECT, INCLUDING MAST ARM REPLACEMENT.

MR. ROGAN: What is the recommendation of the temporary Chair for the Committee on Public Safety?

MR. GAUGHAN: As temporary

Chairperson for the Committee on Public Safety,

I recommend final passage of Item 7-D.

MR. DONAHUE: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the question?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

Last week Miss Schumacher asked what the frequency would be on this small cell phone site. I asked Mr. King, Don King our City Planner. And he did get back to us with a document that I will give you after the meeting, Miss Schumacher.

Mr. Mike Oser who is the consultant for Cingular Wireless said that not only did he provide you with the frequency from that but everyone in the area. So hopefully you could figure out -- I will look back in it and I can't find where it is. There's numbers all over the place here. But that is here for you to take a look at.

And then the second question I asked

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1	on this last week and the Business
2	Administrator provided the information was how
3	much revenue the City has made off of the
4	leases with the cell towers in City. And to
5	date from 2018 and 2019, the City has made
6	\$39,400. Thank you.
7	MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? Roll call,
8	please.
9	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.
10	MR. DONAHUE: Yes.
11	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.
12	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
13	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.
14	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
15	Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.
16	If there's no further business I'll
17	entertain a motion to adjourn.
18	MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.
19	MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.
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